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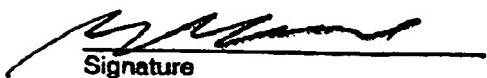
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Title: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR DECONTAMINATING MAIL

**NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE PRIMARY EXAMINER
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Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Primary Examiner dated April 13, 2004 finally rejecting claims 26, 27 and 34.

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